

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following list of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the above-identified application:

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-20. (Cancelled.)

21. (Currently Amended) A shelf comprising a housing, a chamber within said housing, said housing defining a slot opening into said chamber, a panel of light-transmitting material having an edge portion ~~received in~~ contiguous said slot, means for illuminating said light-transmitting panel through said chamber and said panel edge portion, means for supporting said housing relative to a support, said housing including at least ~~two~~ first and second housing parts, at least said second housing part includes said supporting means, and means for securing and unsecuring said two housing parts relative to each other to access said chamber.
22. (Original) The shelf as defined in claim 21 including means for directing light from said illuminating means toward said panel.
23. (Currently Amended) The shelf as defined in claim 21 including ~~lens~~ means for directing light from said illuminating means along said chamber toward said panel.

24. (Currently Amended) The shelf as defined in claim 21 wherein ~~[[a]]~~
~~said first of said housing parts~~ part defines said slot~~[[,]]~~ ~~and a second of~~
~~said housing parts includes said supporting means.~~
25. (Original) The shelf as defined in claim 24 including means in the form
of synthetic polymeric/copolymeric material encapsulating at least a
portion of said first housing part and said panel edge portion.
26. (Original) The shelf as defined in claim 24 including means in the form
of synthetic polymeric/copolymeric material encapsulating at least a
portion of said first housing part and said panel edge portion but not said
securing means.
27. (Original) The shelf as defined in claim 24 including means in the form
of synthetic polymeric/copolymeric material encapsulating at least a
portion of said first housing part and said panel edge portion but not said
securing means and said second housing part.

28. (Currently Amended) The shelf as defined in claim 21 wherein ~~[[a]] the~~ first of said housing parts ~~define~~ defines said slot, ~~a second of said housing parts includes said supporting means[[,]]~~ and each of said housing parts is a substantially homogeneous molded one-piece member.
29. (Currently Amended) The shelf as defined in claim 21 wherein ~~[[a]] the~~ first of said housing parts ~~define~~ defines said slot, ~~a second of said housing parts includes said supporting means[[,]]~~ and each of said housing parts is a substantially homogeneous molded one-piece member each carrying complementary parts of said securing and unsecuring means.

Claims 30-65. (Cancelled.)

66. (New) The shelf as defined in claim 21 wherein said illuminating means includes LEDs.
67. (New) The shelf as defined in claim 21 wherein said securing and unsecuring means are snap fasteners.
68. (New) The shelf as defined in claim 21 wherein said illuminating means includes a light pipe.
69. (New) The shelf as defined in claim 21 wherein said illuminating means includes a source of light and a light pipe for directing light from said light source to said panel edge portion.

70. (New) The shelf as defined in claim 21 wherein said illuminating means includes a light pipe extending substantially along the length of said chamber.
71. (New) The shelf as defined in claim 21 wherein said illuminating means includes a lens located to direct light in a predetermined direction outwardly of said slot toward said panel edge portion.
72. (New) The shelf as defined in claim 21 wherein said illuminating means includes a lens located to direct light in a predetermined direction outwardly of said slot and upwardly toward said panel edge portion.
73. (New) The shelf as defined in claim 21 wherein said illuminating means includes a lens located to direct light in a predetermined direction outwardly of said slot and downwardly toward said panel edge portion.
74. (New) The shelf as defined in claim 21 wherein said illuminating means includes a lens located in said slot to direct light in a predetermined direction outwardly of said slot toward said panel edge portion.
75. (New) The shelf as defined in claim 74 wherein said illuminating means includes a lens located to direct light in a predetermined direction outwardly of said slot and upwardly toward said panel edge portion.

76. (New) The shelf as defined in claim 74 wherein said illuminating means includes a lens located to direct light in a predetermined direction outwardly of said slot and downwardly toward said panel edge portion.
77. (New) The shelf as defined in claim 21 including means exterior of said housing for reflecting exterior light rays toward said light-transmitting panel.
78. (New) The shelf as defined in claim 21 wherein said supporting means is a shelf bracket.
79. (New) The shelf as defined in claim 21 wherein said supporting means is a shelf bracket having means for vertically adjustably securing said shelf to a support.
80. (New) The shelf as defined in claim 21 wherein said supporting means includes means for slidingly supporting said housing relative to a support.
81. (New) The shelf as defined in claim 21 wherein said supporting means includes means for vertically adjustably securing said shelf to a support.
82. (New) The shelf as defined in claim 21 wherein said housing includes axially opposite end portions, and said illuminating means includes a light source at one of said axially opposite end portions.

83. (New) The shelf as defined in claim 21 wherein said housing includes axially opposite end portions, said illuminating means includes a light source at one of said axially opposite end portions, and means for axially accessing said light source.
84. (New) The shelf as defined in claim 21 wherein said two housing parts and said slot are relatively elongated, and said securing and unsecuring means are located along said elongated housing parts.
85. (New) The shelf as defined in claim 21 including means in the form of synthetic polymeric/copolymeric material encapsulating at least one of said housing parts, and said encapsulating means defines said supporting means.
86. (New) The shelf as defined in claim 85 wherein said supporting means includes means for slidably supporting said housing relative to a support.
87. (New) The shelf as defined in claim 85 wherein said supporting means includes means for vertically adjustably securing said shelf to a support.